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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 4,39 and 48 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 4,39 and 48 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-2, 4-38, 40-47, 49-54 have been cancelled.

Claims 3, 39, 48 are presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to double patenting have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection under double patenting has been withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless —

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 3, 39, 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shimizu (US Patent 6,005,936).

Claim 3: A system for managing files, comprising: main-file storing means for storing a main-file (column 1, lines 42-57, i.e., the saving of the image data D); authentication information creating means for creating main-file authentication information to be used to verify the main-file (column 1, lines 42-57, i.e., the authentication information which is attached as a file separate from the image data D); and sub-file storing means for storing at least one sub-file to which the main-file authentication information is related (column 1, lines 42-57, i.e., the authentication information which is attached as a file separate from the image data D; column 2, lines 20-28, i.e., authentication information is attached separately from the image data – indeed, Shimizu notes that such separate nature has been a well known prior art and Shimizu even suggests an improvement from such prior art).

Claim 39: A method of managing files, comprising the steps of: storing a main-file (column 1, lines 42-57, i.e., the saving of the image data D); creating main-file authentication information to be used to verify the main-file (column 1, lines 42-57, i.e., the authentication information which is attached as a file separate from the image data D); and storing at least one sub-file to which the main-file authentication information is related (column 1, lines 42-57; i.e., the authentication information which is attached as a file separate from the image data D; column 2, lines 20-28, i.e., authentication information is attached separately from the image data – indeed, Shimizu notes that such separate

nature has been a well known prior art and Shimizu even suggests an improvement from such prior art).

Claim 48: A computer readable storage medium having a recorded file management program for enabling a computer to execute: main-file storing step of storing a main-file (column 1, lines 42-57, i.e., the saving of the image data D); authentication information creating step of creating main-file authentication information to be used to verify the main-file (column 1, lines 42-57, i.e., the authentication information which is attached as a file separate from the image data D); and sub-file storing step of storing at least one sub-file to which the main-file authentication information is related (column 1, lines 42-57, i.e., the authentication information which is attached as a file separate from the image data D; column 2, lines 20-28, i.e., authentication information is attached separately from the image data – indeed, Shimizu notes that such separate nature has been a well known prior art and Shimizu even suggests an improvement from such prior art).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

The claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 4, 39, 48 recite files and sub-files, but this is insufficient. What do these files and sub-files do? What is the function? How is this different from merely storing a thought (e.g., in a mind of a person)? The word “function” is used in MPEP 2106 and therefore Applicant is directed to MPEP 2106 for more detailed discussion of what the Office means by

"function." The preambles of the claims recite computer and computer readable medium but this is insufficient. MPEP 2106 clearly notes that such a perfunctory recitation, analogous to an algorithm/content (e.g., equation/music) being on a computer, is insufficient. Such would exalt form over substance.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

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Patent Examiner

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